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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: COPENHAGEN; NEW DELHI.

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COPENHAGEN

11. "CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES," editorial in December 21 right-of-center Urdu daily SIASAT: "The summit at Copenhagen practically failed miserably because it could not be successful in finalizing any comprehensive and binding agreement. Evasion to accept their responsibilities, the developed countries can never be successful in getting any agreement accepted unanimously. It is the high time when the UNO should take its own initiatives to ensure such an agreement finalized."

12. "DISPUTED COPENHAGEN AGREEMENT," editorial in December 21 right-of-center Urdu daily RASHTRIYA SAHARA: "The unbinding Copenhagen climate change agreement between the U.S and the "Basic" countries is simply a matter of consolation. It is of no use to control the global warming. Moreover, the reaction shown by the poor countries over the agreement may enhance the difference between the developed countries and the developing ones."

13. "HEADING TOWARDS THE FUTURE," editorial in December 22 Kolkata Bengali independent ANANDABAZAR PATRIKA:

"Did the Summit end in failure because it gave us a relatively weak deal like the "Copenhagen Accord"? The answer is no. Although the accord is not legally binding on any nations, it has its own implications for many reasons. So far all previous meetings ended inconclusively due to America's opposition. It is, indeed, a big change that the same country is now taking the lead with its President being the originator (of the accord). The deal incorporated the primary promises of the Kyoto Protocol. On the other hand, China, for the first time, agreed to accept international scrutiny and maintain transparency. It is a major gain as far as environmental issues are concerned. There is no way to deny this achievement of the Copenhagen Summit."

¶4. "OUTCOME OF GREED," editorial in December 22 left-of-center Marathi daily, MAHARASHTRA TIMES: "What was amiss was the political will to execute the much-needed steps. Each country, including the U.S., was unwilling to take the necessary steps, fearing the unpopularity of those measures back home."

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